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STREET MATTERS MOSTLY

Ordinances, Resolutions, and Claims Against the City, Take up Greater Part of the Time—Official Reports and Lesser Things Dealt With.

The City Fathers met in initial convention for the month of November, last night at 7:30 o'clock. Mayor J. W. Suprenant swayed the gavel and Judge Anderson presented and kept the records. The following named Councilmen were in the semi-circle: Messrs. C. A. Lieneweber, L. O. Belland, J. H. Hansen, P. L. Strangeland, G. W. Morton, J. J. Robinson, O. I. Peterson, L. Lebeck and Geo. Kaboth; and the following officers of the city department were in evidence. City Attorney A. M. Smith, City Surveyor A. S. Tee, Street Superintendent J. F. Kearney. Petitions for retail liquor licenses were presented from Curtis & Bertelsen, C. H. M. Greenwall, Henry Jones and William Bach. They were read and referred to the committee on Health and Police.

Communications were presented and duly referred, as coming from the following persons upon the several matters indicated. From R. G. Durham in relation to introduction here of the Burroughs Adding and Listing machines. From S. C. Welch, praying to be placed upon the installment list in the matter of paying his assessment for the improvement of Exchange street from Twenty-first to Twenty-third streets. From C. W. Fulton in relation to the bad condition of drain extending across Block No. 88, McClure's addition to Astoria, asking for its rehabilitation and proper connection. From County Clerk J. C. Clinton, announcing the sum of city taxable values for 1905, as taken from the rolls of the county, just completed, stating the amount to be \$1,929,908. From City Physician R. J. Pilkington, reporting that he had quarantined three cases of diphtheria at No. 1270 Grand avenue, and a like number of measles at No. 1663 Duane street, and that both maladies were of foreign contagion. From D. H. Welch, remonstrating against proposed improvement of Exchange street between Nineteenth and Twenty-first streets. From Johnson Bros., Fisher Bros., & Co., Ross, Higgins & Co., and Carlson Bros., jointly, praying for permission to repair and remodel a landing slip at the corner of Twelfth and Bond streets.

The following bids were presented and read: From L. Hagmann, material and labor for improvement of Harrison avenue from Thirtieth street to a point ten feet west of the center line of Thirty-third street, in the sum of \$965; from W. A. Goodwin in the same relation at \$925; from J. A. Fastaband, same in sum of \$1000; from Dill & Young, same, \$1100.

Report of Auditor and Police Judge Olof Anderson, for the month of October, showing receipts and treasury vouchers, for the sum of \$59.00, from fines and forfeitures, at \$45.00; from building permits at \$9.00, and from burial permits at \$5.00 was read and duly referred.

The following bills reported back from the several committees were read and ordered paid:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes H. Huibel (\$5.27), John Coruo (1.00), O. Peterson (20.50), L. Lebeck (11.00), Fisher Bros. Co. (2.90), City L. & B. Co. (1.70), Clatsop Mill Co. (20.15), Astoria Electric Co. (402.00), J. H. Hansen (31.75), Uppertown Tr. Co. (6.75), Street Ass'n (60.00), A.R. Asp & Co. (25), J. C. Clinton (138.50), T. S. Cornelius (27.70), A. Asp & Co. (25), City Surveyor (192.50), Astoria Electric Co. (6.00), Uppertown Tr. Co. (8.75), Frank Hart (.90), Craig & Siekan (2.10), L. Carlson (4.50), G. W. Sanborn (11.00), T. Davis (10.00), Ross, Higgins & Co. (1.60), Frank Carns (7.50), J. H. Seymour (2.50), Troy Laundry (.80), Fourn & Stokes Co. (8.50), H. H. Zapp & Co. (22.00), Aug. Nelson (1.00), Astoria Electric Co. (63.00), Olof Erickson (51.00). Applications for building permits were

received and read from O. Holtzen, John Jylah, Concomly Tribe No. 7 and L. Thorvig read and referred.

Reports from the several standing committees were read in sequence, and adopted; the import of each finding expression in the later work of the evening.

A communication was read, as coming from M. J. Radollett praying for thirty days further time in which to meet the payment of certain street improvement assessments, and same was granted.

The legal opinion of City Attorney A. M. Smith, upon the matter of providing for more than one police commissioner on the ballots of the pending elections, was reported back by the Committee on Ways and Means, and upon motion, placed on file. In this relation, Auditor Anderson reported the receipt of the joint opinion of Attorneys Taylor, Hamilton and Noland, upon the same question, and confirmatory of Mr. Smith's findings, in the premises. This announcement brought Mr. Belland to his feet with a vigorous protest, as chairman of that committee, against recognizing such joint opinion in any manner as a claim against the city. He declared the committee had sought the opinion without authority or his knowledge and he repudiated it in toto. Mr. Kaboth, of the same committee, resented the imputation of lax action or bad faith and declared the committee could not find the chairman when he was wanted for conference on the subject, and that the committee had acted for the best interests of the city in proceeding as they had. Mr. Peterson supported Mr. Kaboth as his colleague on the committee, and Auditor Anderson being appealed to said the suggestion of City Attorney Smith that the council seek further opinions than his own, had been simply referred to the Committee on Ways and Means at the adjourned session of the Council. Mr. Morton took a hand in the controversy deprecating the attack on Mr. Kaboth, and wound up with a motion that the reported joint opinion be filed, and the motion prevailed over the negative vote of Mr. Belland.

The following ordinances, framed and reported by Chairman Hansen of the Committee on Streets and Public Property were read first and second times and duly referred:

Providing for an appropriation in behalf of C. G. Palmberg, contractor, in the sum of \$1710.66 balance due upon the improvement of Exchange street from Seventeenth to Nineteenth street.

A similar ordinance, to same party upon the same improvement, in the sum of \$129.04.

A similar ordinance, in favor of Dill & Young, contractors, upon the same improvement, in the sum of \$263.25.

A similar ordinance, in favor of Dill & Young, upon the contract for the improvement of Exchange street from Twenty-third street to Twenty-first street in the sum of \$3491.79.

An ordinance providing for the issuance of bonds in the sum of \$2800 to provide for the payment of a balance due upon the contracts for the improvement of Exchange street, from Seventeenth to Nineteenth street, by reason of the fact that certain persons liable to assessment therefore had availed themselves of the five-year installment privilege.

An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$33.25, in favor of W. A. Goodwin, upon his contract for the improvement of Commercial street, as balance due.

An ordinance providing for the time and manner of improving Exchange street from Twenty-first to Nineteenth street.

An ordinance providing for the issuance of bonds in the sum of \$467.80, in favor of Dill & Young, contractors, in the matter of the improvement of Commercial street from Twentieth to Twenty-third street, as partial payment due.

An ordinance providing for the time and manner of improving Alameda avenue from a point 10 feet west of the center line of Columbia avenue to the East line of Ilwaco avenue. A motion to suspend the rules and place this ordinance upon its third reading, failed upon the negative vote of Mr. Belland, who claimed the assessment district established for this work covered territory in no wise responsible for the improvement, a claim vigorously, but unsuccessfully combatted by Mr. Lebeck and others.

A resolution was introduced by Mr. Hansen, directing the Board of Assessors to make an assessment upon all the property subject to the cost of building a drain, or sewer, on Exchange street between Fifth and Sixth streets, in the sum of \$589.00. This was adopted.

The claims against the city were then presented and ordered referred to the respective committees.

Mr. Hansen brought up the matter of the wretched condition of the Eighteenth street sewer, but no action was taken further than to direct the City Engineer to examine its condition and estimate the cost of its repair, and that the City Attorney prepare and present a resolution in this relation at the next regular session of the Council.

Some informal talk was then indulged, apropos of the expiration of the present public lighting contract in April next, which evoked the information that the Whipple-Clinton franchise was being lived up to on its primary requirements of payment and work.

Hansen also brought up for consideration, the bad condition of Pope street from Fifth to Seventh, basing his remarks upon the communication from the County Court to the City Council on the same score and after some desultory skirmishing, the matter was referred to the Committee on Streets and Public Property with instructions to ascertain and report the best basis upon which to meet the County Court in adjusting and sharing the cost of improving the street named.

After some dubious and fruitless discussion as to the impassable condition of Fifth street, near the reservoir, a deferred ordinance, providing for the acceptance of the bid of W. A. Goodin for the improvement of Harrison avenue, from Thirtieth to Thirty-third street, was introduced, read first and second times, and under suspension of the rules, was read a third time and passed.

The Council then adjourned.

FOR COAST DEFENSE

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parations for plans for fortifications, \$5000; supplies for seacoast defenses, \$40,000; sea walls and embankments, \$215,000; sea walls, defenses of Galveston, Texas, \$1,433,853; casemates, galleries, etc., for submarine mines, \$540,700; preservation and repair of torpedo structures \$50,000.

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An estimate of \$75,000 is made for improvements in the Yellowstone National Park. Expenditures on rivers and harbors improvements in the United States reach \$22,328,623. This does not include \$2,265,073 under the Mississippi river Commission. No estimates are made this year for river and harbor improvements save those provided for under continuing contracts. This amounts to \$17,456,801, to which is added \$15,000 to be expended under the California Debris Commission and also an estimate of \$2,000,000 for the Mississippi River Commission. Among the estimates for continuing contracts are the following: San Pedro harbor, Cal., \$300,000; mouth of Columbia river, \$300,000; Honolulu harbor, Hawaii, \$200,000; Wilmington harbor, Cal., \$100,000; Oakland harbor, Cal., \$250,000; San Pedro Bay, Cal., \$81,000; Columbia river, at The Dalles, Ore., \$250,000; Columbia river, between Vancouver and the Willamette river, Ore., \$30,000; Columbia river and lower Willamette river, below Portland, \$125,000.

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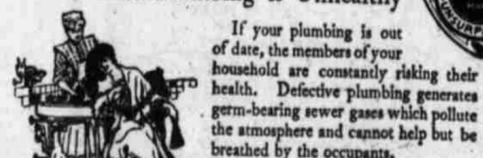
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